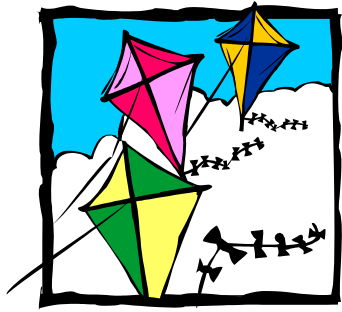


Spring ahead with 4-H

2004 SPRING NEWSLETTER



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2004 CHESTERFIELD 4-H CAMP

Camping Period: July 19 - 23 (Monday - Friday)

Camp Fee: \$195.00 (includes lodging, meals, t-shirt and round trip transportation)

Transportation: Charter Bus/1 pick-up point (Ironbridge Park)

Registration: First Come-First Served

Phone: 751-4401 for application form

Activities: Olympic size swimming pool with lifeguards. Ropes and Initiative Courses, Canoeing, Archery Range, Basketball & Volleyball Courts. This year campers will be able to select three classes and six funshops. Some of the classes offered are: Swimming, Canoeing, Archery, Marine Science, Fishing, Forestry, Air Riflery, etc.

Facilities: 2 air-conditioned lodges, 4 air conditioned cabins, health clinic, dining/recreation hall, amphitheater, aquatic classroom/laboratory.



CHESTERFIELD 4-H DAY CAMP

Come explore the wonders of the world with Chesterfield 4-H! This year Chesterfield 4-H will offer a three-day Day Camp in July for youth ages 8 to 11. The camp will be held at the Nature Center at Rockwood Park, July 6-8. Hours are 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Theme for the camp is "Around the World." Please contact Jaime at the Extension Office for more information and a registration form.

IMPORTANT DATES

March 26	-	Chesterfield 4-H Horse Bowl - Public Meeting Room - 6:00 p.m.
April 3	-	District Contest - Charles City Middle/High School Presentations & Fashion Revue (a.m.) Public Speaking/Share-the-Fun (p.m.)
May 1	-	Chesterfield 4-H Development Fund Scholarships Due - Contact Extension Office for application form
May 15 - 16	-	Northeast District 4-H Horse Show - Dorey Park - Henrico Saturday - Hunter Sunday - Western
June 12	-	James River Clean-Up Great community service project for your club. Free T-shirt and lunch for all participants.
June 28 - July 1		State 4-H Congress
July 6 - 8	-	Chesterfield 4-H Day Camp The Nature Center, Rockwood Park
July 11 - 17	-	2004 Citizenship-Washington Focus Conference National 4-H Center - Scholarships available for teens
July 19 - 23	-	Chesterfield 4-H Camp
September 16 - 19		State 4-H Horse Show - Lexington, Virginia



CHESTERFIELD 4-H TEEN EVENTS

BE A 4-H CAMP COUNSELOR - If you would like to be a teen counselor, phone for a special application. You must be 14 by January 1, 2004. All expenses paid by the Chesterfield 4-H Development Fund. All teen counselors are required to attend trainings locally and at Jamestown 4-H Center.

CHESTERFIELD 4-H TEEN CLUB - Current activities for the Teen Club include a unit on Career Explorations and plans for conducting a 4-H Day Camp this summer. Fundraising activities and trips are also in the works. Come join the fun. Meetings are held in the Extension Office Classroom from 6:00 - 7:30 p.m. Meeting dates for the next few months are: March 9, April 13, May 18. Contact Jaime for further details.



available.

STATE 4-H CONGRESS - June 28 - July 1. Held at Virginia Tech in Blacksburg. Any teen 4-H'er who gives a presentation at the County level will be eligible to give a presentation at Congress. Others can attend and participate in educational tracts. Chesterfield 4-H Development Fund has partial scholarships



CITIZENSHIP-WASHINGTON FOCUS - will be held at the National 4-H Center in Chevy Chase, Maryland. The Chesterfield Ruritan Club has donated a full scholarship in the past for a Chesterfield senior 4-H member to attend this event. A full scholarship is also available from the 4-H Development Fund. Please

check with your senior members.

CHESTERFIELD 4-H DEVELOPMENT FUND

4-H SCHOLARSHIPS - The Chesterfield 4-H Development Fund will once again be offering scholarships to 4-H members who are graduating from high school this spring. Application forms are available from the Extension Office or on the Chesterfield 4-H website.

SPECIALTY CAMPS AND TRIPS OFFERED BY JAMESTOWN 4-H CENTER (Phone for brochure)

Jamestown 4-H Center will be offering a Cloverbud Camp the week of July 9-11. Marine Science Camp will be offered August 13 - 15. There will be nine separate weeks of Teen Adventure Specialty Camps, including 3 weeks of Mr. Ed's Wild Ride, 3 weeks of the Summer Sampler, and 3 weeks of a coastal kayaking trip. Phone the Extension Office for a brochure.

WINNERS CIRCLE

COUNTY CONTEST 1ST PLACE WINNERS:

Melissa Wright	Senior	Presentation - Horse
Lisande Champeau	Intermediate	Public Speaking
Kristen Miller	Senior	Public Speaking



SPECIAL OPPORTUNITIES

JAMES RIVER CLEAN-UP - The Extension Office in cooperation with other county and regional agencies is sponsoring a 50 mile clean-up of the James River on Saturday, June 12 (Raindate - July 10). Shoreline and river clean-ups will be conducted from Cartersville to Dutch Gap. Free T-shirts and lunch to registered participants.

4-H INTERNATIONAL EXCHANGE PROGRAM - Host families are being recruited for the 2004 - 2005 4-H High School Exchange. Virginia will be hosting students from Japan and from the 4-H FLEX Exchange, which includes the Eurasian countries of Armenia, Azerbaijan, Belarus, Georgia, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Moldova, Russia, Tajikistan, Turkmenistan, Ukraine and Uzbekistan. Exchange students arrive in late July or early-to-mid-August and live with their host families for 10 to 11 months. They usually attend public high school. All 4-H exchange students speak English, are above average in school and have their own spending money. If your family is interested in hosting a high school exchange student, please let me know so that we can begin the application process.

HOST FAMILIES NEEDED FOR MONTH-LONG EXCHANGE - Host families are also being recruited for the month-long Japanese exchange program. Youth arrive in mid-July and return to Japan in mid-August. This is a reciprocal exchange, with the host siblings having the chance to travel to Japan for a month next summer. This is a great opportunity to participate first-hand in a Global Society. Please contact me if you are interested in further details about this exciting experience.

HORSE BITS

There will be a 4-H Horse Bowl on Friday, March 26 from 6:00 - 9:00 p.m. in the Public Meeting Room. Questions will come from the following sources:

Horses and Horsemanship (4-H curriculum - available at office)

Horse Science (4-H curriculum - available at office)

Evans Text: The Horse

Equus Magazine

There will be a \$6.00 entry fee to cover the judge's fee and refreshments. Registration forms are available online or through your club leader. Please contact Lynn Donnelly, Up and Over 4-H Club, at 639-9461 for further details.

Hunter Lane Stables will be offering a Bob Jeffreys Horsemanship Clinic (Partnership Training for Horse & Rider) April 26, 27, 28. Call Elaine Wilson for details at 743-1986.

The Up and Over 4-H Club will be offering a clinic with Kenny Harlow on June 19. Call Lynn Donnelly for details at 639-9461.

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